

IN SENATE
OF
THE UNITED STATES,

DECEMBER 30, 1817.

The committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petitions of
William Edwards and John G. Stubbs,

REPORT:

That the petitioners, covenanted with the surveyor general of the United States, on the 25th of August, 1815, separately, each to survey twelve townships of land in the Illinois territory, east of a meridian to be run from the mouth of Illinois river, which river formed the Indian boundaries westward. At the time of covenanting, the meridian had not been run. It was ascertained by running the aforesaid meridian, it fell, the whole distance, in the Indian territory. The petitioners, had previously to the ascertainment of this fact, proceeded to the Illinois territory, with the necessary hands and supplies, to execute their contracts, which procedure resulted in the loss of their whole expenditure, besides subjecting them to much trouble and consumption of time. The petitioners pray for an allowance of their expenses, in such manner, as to Congress may seem meet. The facts appear to be satisfactorily established. The committee, believe the prayer of the petitioners reasonable, and therefore respectfully report a bill for their relief.